

CHAPTER 496

An act to convey certain tide and submerged lands to the City of Mill Valley, in furtherance of navigation, commerce, and fisheries upon certain trusts and conditions, and providing for the government, management, use and control thereof

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby granted to the City of Mill Valley, a municipal corporation in the County of Marin, State of California, and to its successors, all of the right, title, and interest of the State of California, held by said State by virtue

of its sovereignty in and to all of the tide and submerged lands bounded and described as follows:

All that portion of the tide and submerged lands, filled or unfilled, lying between the ordinary high water marks of the Arroyo Principal del Corte Madera del Presidio northerly from the southwesterly line of Sausalito Canal and of the sloughs tributary thereto within the limits of the exterior boundaries of Lots 301 and 302 and a portion of Richardson Bay lying within Lot 302, as shown upon "Map No. 1 of Salt Marsh and Tide Lands Situate in the County of Marin" dated 1870, prepared by order of the Board of Tide Land Commissioners in accordance with an Act of the Legislature approved April 1, 1870.

To be forever held by said city, and its successors, in trust for the uses and purposes and upon the express conditions following, to wit:

(a) That said lands shall be used by said city, and its successors, only for the establishment, improvement and conduct of a harbor, including an airport or aviation facilities, and for the construction, maintenance and operation thereon of wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays and other utilities, structures, facilities and appliances necessary or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of commerce and navigation by air as well as by water, and said city, or its successors, shall not, at any time, grant, convey, give or alien said lands, or any part thereof, to any individual, firm or corporation for any purposes whatever; provided, that said city, or its successors, may grant franchises thereon for limited periods (but in no event exceeding 50 years), for wharves and other public uses and purposes and may lease said lands, or any part thereof, for limited periods (but in no event exceeding 50 years), for purposes consistent with the trust upon which said lands are held by the State of California, and with the requirements of commerce and navigation at said harbor, and collect and retain rents from such leases.

Nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be deemed to affect the validity or term of any franchise granted by said city under the Franchise Act of 1937, and any such franchise shall be effective with respect to said lands when title thereto passes to said city hereunder.

(b) That said lands shall be improved by said city without expense to the State, and shall always remain available for public use for all purposes of commerce and navigation, and the State of California shall have at all times, the right to use, without charge, all wharves, docks, piers, slips, quays, and other improvements and facilities constructed on said lands, or any part thereof, for any vessel or other water or aircraft, or railroad, owned or operated by the State of California.

(c) That in the management, conduct or operation of said harbor, or of any of the utilities, structures, appliances or

facilities mentioned in paragraph (a), no discrimination in rates, tolls, or charges or in facilities for any use or service in connection therewith shall ever be made, authorized or permitted by said city or its successors.

(d) There is hereby reserved, however, in the people of the State of California the absolute right to fish in the waters of said harbor with the right of convenient access to said waters over said lands for said purposes.

(e) There is hereby excepted and reserved to the State of California all deposits of minerals, including oil and gas, in said land, and to the State of California, or persons authorized by the State of California, the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from said land.

(f) The lands herein described are granted subject to the express reservation and condition that the State may at any time in the future use said lands or any portion thereof for highway purposes without compensation to the city, its successors or assigns, or any person, firm or public or private corporation claiming under it, except that in the event improvements have been placed upon the property taken by the State for said purposes, compensation shall be made to the person entitled thereto for the value of his interest in the improvements taken or the damages to such interest.

(g) That within 10 years from the effective date of this act said lands shall be substantially improved by said city without expense to the State, and if the State Lands Commission determines that the city has failed to improve said lands as herein required, all right, title, and interest of said city in and to all lands granted by this act shall cease and said lands shall revert and rest in the State.

SEC. 2. The State Lands Commission shall, at the cost of the grantee, survey, monument, plat, and record in the Office of the County Recorder of Marin County, the area of state lands described in this act. Said city shall enter into a contract with the State Lands Commission for surveying, monumenting and platting the area of state lands described in this act, and shall, upon submission of invoices by the State Lands Commission, pay said costs.

SEC. 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

SEC. 4. Nothing contained in this act shall preclude the city from accepting and retaining any grant of funds from the State made available for the purpose of aiding in the development of said lands for any public purpose not inconsistent with the promotion and accommodation of commerce and navigation.